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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004, (Paper No. Mail Date 20040722), for which a response was due on August 29, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 29, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the Substitute Specification which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.